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SUBJECT New Tank Parts Plant in Kolonna

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1. Tank parts plant in Kolonna (55°05'N/38°45'E) was under construction just west of an old tank parts plant. One side of the plant area bordered on the Ka River, which is 100 to 120 meters wide at this point. * The construction of the plant was started in late 1949. The four buildings completed by December 1949 housed the foundry, rolling mill, punching shop, transformer station, administration, and the plant kitchen. ** Three other workshops were still under construction at that time. Electric power was supplied to the plant from outside.
2. About 900 PWs and at least as many Soviet workers were employed on the construction of the plant. The number of workers eventually to be employed in the production was said to be 10,000 persons, including those of the old plant. The PWs worked one day-shift. In the old tank parts plant work was done in three shifts. Production had not started in the new plant by December 1949. It was rumored that heavy rolled steel material for the tank-building industry would be produced there. Tank parts were manufactured in the old plant. The new plant was guarded by factory police. ***

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- * Comment. For probable location of the plant, see Annex 1.
- ** Comment. For layout of plant, [REDACTED]
- *** Comment. The construction of the new tank parts plant was also reported

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25X1X by [REDACTED] from the location data it appears that the new plant adjoins the Voroshilov Gun and Tank Parts Plant No. 4 to the west. It is believed that it is not an independent plant but an extension of Plant No. 4. The production of tank parts in the new section appears credible.

2 Annexes: Sketches.

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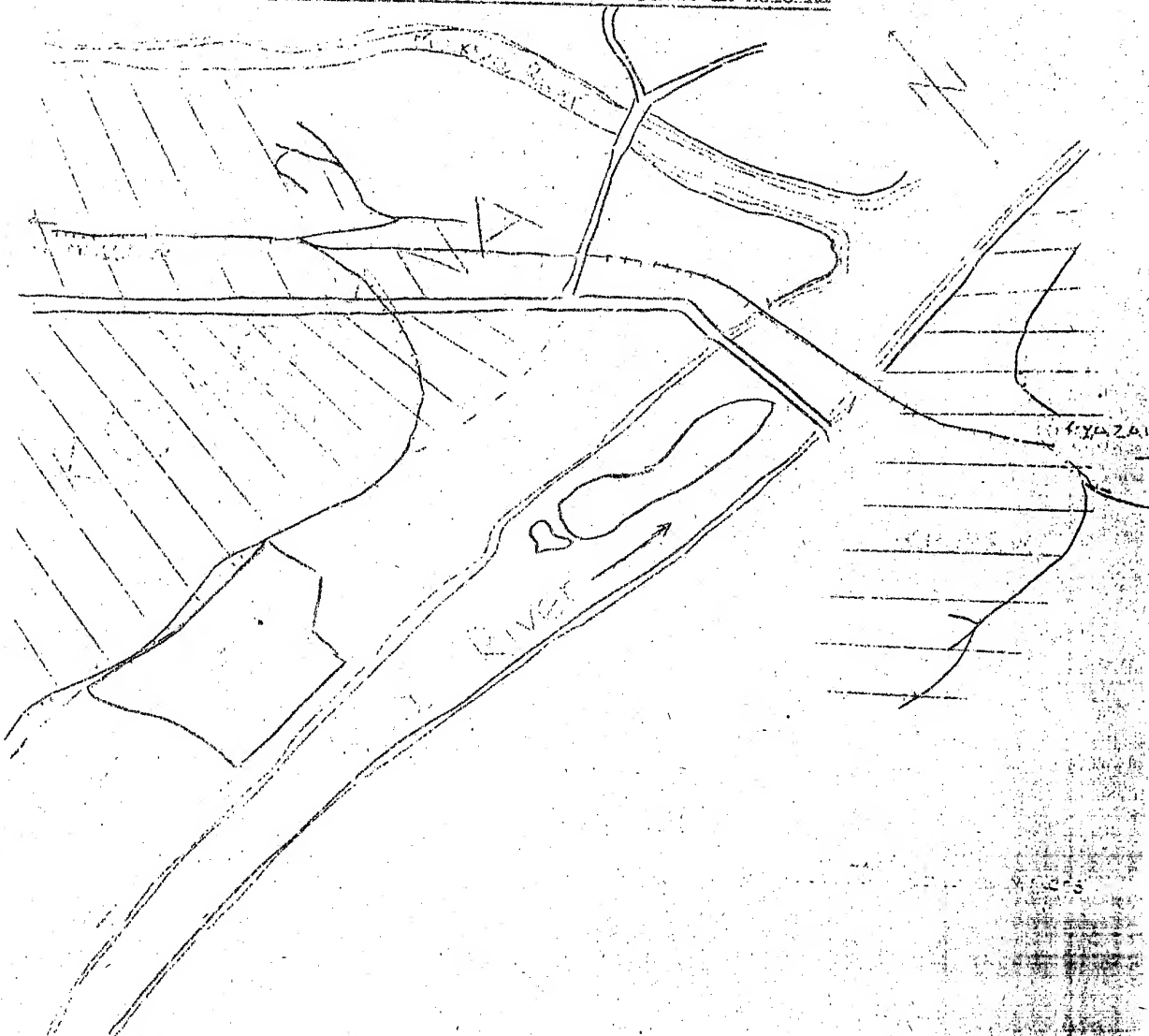
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Location of the new Tank Parts Plant in Kolonna



- Legend:
1. Voroshilov Gun and Tank Parts Plant No. 4
 2. New Tank Parts Plant.

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Legend:

- 1 - 3. Workshops, brick structures, still under construction, each 200 x 15 meters.
4. Punching shop, brick structure, 200 x 15 meters, equipped with punching machines and three traveling cranes with a lifting capacity of 15 tons. Other punching machines were standing in front of the workshop waiting for installation.
5. Transformer station.
6. Three-story brick administration building and dwelling house, 200 x 50 meters, occupied in December 1949.
7. Brick building, 40 x 20 meters, housing the administration and canteen and occupied in December 1949.
8. Foundry and rolling mill. Four brick workshops formed a quadrangle 300 x 300 meters. The inner courtyard was roofed over. Three large furnaces, 4 meters in diameter and 6 meters high, were erected in the western part of the inner courtyard. The lining of these furnaces with refractory stones was under way in December 1949. According to Soviet workers, a rolling mill was to be erected in this department.
9. Building site.
10. Large coal dump.
11. Storage site for crates, machines and crane installations for the workshops. The letterings on the crates showed that the machines were from the De Vries Firm in Duesseldorf.
12. Wooden fence.
13. Premises of the old plant.
14. PW Camp.

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